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TAGS: ILO PORG PRC

SUBJECT: PARTICIPATION BY PRC IN ILO

1. SUMMARY. TWO RECENT CONVERSATIONS SUGGEST THAT THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA MAY SOON CLARIFY ITS POSITION ON PARTICIPATION IN ILO.

2. FRG MISSION OFFICER TOLD LABATT HE BELIEVES PRC WILL DECIDE TO PARTICIPATE IN ILO SHORTLY, PERHAPS EARLY NEXT YEAR. IN RECENT MEETING, GERMANS ASKED WHETHER PRC INTENDED "TO JOIN" ILO IN NEAR FUTURE. IN PAST, CHINESE RESPONSES TO THIS QUESTION WAS CLEARLY NEGATIVE, BUT THIS TIME CHINESE HINTED THAT DECISION WAS UNDER ACTIVECONSIDERATION. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, FRG EMBASSY IN PEKING BELIEVES THAT FORMATION OF PROVINCIAL LABOR ORGANIZATIONS IS NEAR COMPLETION AND WHEN THESE ORGANIZATIONS ARE JOINED TO NATIONAL LABOR FEDER-
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ATION, PRC WILL BE READY FOR TRIPARTITE PARTICIPATION

IN ILO.

3. ILO FINANCE DIRECTOR DENBY TOLD US THAT ILO DG BLANCHARD HAD RAISED QUESTION WITH PRC MISSION REP IN NEW YORK DURING 7TH SPECIAL SESSION OF UNGA EARLIER THIS MONTH. PRC REP (UNAMED) TOLD BLANCHARD AND DENBY THAT HIS COUNTRY WAS "NOT A MEMBER AND DOES NOT OWE ILO ANY MONEY". HOWEVER, LAST WEEK DENBY RESUMED CONVERSATION WITH SAME PRC REP AND EXPLAINED THAT CHINA IS A MEMBER OF ILO AND THAT ILO, FOLLOWING UN PRACTICE, RECOGNIZED PRC AS REPRESENTATIVE OF CHINA. FROM ILO POINT OF VIEW, THEREFORE, QUESTION WAS ONE OF PARTICIPATION AND NOT OF MEMBERSHIP. IN ABSENCE OF FORMAL NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW FROM ILO, ILO TOOK POSITION THAT PRC WAS LIABLE FOR ASSESSED DUES. FURTHERMORE, PRC RESPONSES TO ILO REQUESTS TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETINGS MERELY STATED THAT PRC WAS UNABLE TO SEND DELEGATIONS AND DID NOT DENY PRC MEMBERSHIP IN ILO. ACCORDING TO DENBY, PRC REP THEN ADMITTED THAT CLARIFICATION OF PRC POSITION WAS NECESSARY AND SAID HE WOULD REPORT DENBY'S REMARKS TO PEKING. DALE

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